

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 16 and 17, without prejudice.

REMARKS

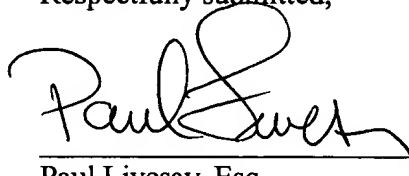
Claims 1-25 were pending in the current application. Applicant elects Group I, claims 1-15 and 18-25. Applicant cancels the non-elected claims 16 and 17, without prejudice. Reexamination and reconsideration of all of the remaining elected claims are respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that all claims of the present application are in condition for search and examination. Examination and consideration of all of the claims, as amended, are respectfully requested and allowance of all the claims at an early date is solicited.

Should it be determined for any reason an insufficient fee has been paid, please charge any insufficiency to ensure consideration and allowance of this matter to Deposit Account 502026.

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